



## Mark 16

Ver 15-16

-Jesus gives his disciples and us a mission

-We are to spread the word about who Jesus is

\*Jesus has saved us for a purpose

\*It's a mission of great importance (eternal destinies depend on it)

-We already see in the days right after Jesus rises that it won't be an easy mission

\*Someone rising from the dead is an incredible, unbelievable thing

ver 8

-Mary and Salome are so amazed and overwhelmed by what they saw that they are afraid and don't tell anyone

ver 10-11

-When Mary eventually does tell the disciples, they don't believe

ver 12-13

-Two guys meet Jesus on the road

-The disciples don't even believe their story

\*If the Resurrection is hard for the disciples to believe, the guys who saw first hand Jesus miracles and heard him predict this, how hard will it be for others to believe

1 Corinthians 1:23

-Paul says that the gospel is a stumbling block and will seem like folly

So, what is our hope that our efforts to tell others about Jesus will be in any way effective?

Ver 17-18

-Jesus tells the disciples he will give them signs to authenticate their message

-I don't believe we should expect to see a lot of these signs today

-They were mainly for the disciples and even for them were not the norm

What sign do we have today?

-we can point to the Bible

-the testimony of believers for thousands of years

-we ourselves are the sign of the validity of the resurrections

-We need to tell people and show people that Jesus has impacted our life

-We need to show people through our actions that the love of Jesus is real

\*I can only imagine movie

\*Are we telling people about Jesus?

\*More importantly is the way we live a sign that Jesus is real

-A salesman that doesn't like his own product is not very effective

-The resurrection is a crazy thing to believe. We need to show people it is real

1 Thessalonians 1:5

-Paul sums up how we should present the Gospel

-In word, in the power of the Holy Spirit and through the example of our life

Small Group Questions

1) What convinced you to follow Jesus?

2) In what ways are you being a sign that the message of Jesus is real and important?

3) Is it encouraging to know that the Holy Spirit is helping you to reach out to others?

